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APPLICANTS: Kiwamu Tanahashi et al.

SERIAL NO. : 09/785,416

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FOR : PERPENDICULAR MAGNETIC RECORDING MEDIA AND  
MAGNETIC STORAGE APPARATUS USING THE SAME

ART UNIT : 1773

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RULE 116 AMENDMENT

SIR:

In response to the Office action of November 18, 2003, it is respectfully requested that the above-identified application be amended as follows to place it in condition for allowance: